

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2311 - HB 2389

February 17, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an immediate family member to be present with the victim of a crime during any defense interviews with the victim.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 40-38-115 authorizes a crime victim advocate or a victim-witness coordinator to be present with the victim during any defense interview of the victim, if the presence of such individual will not cause any unnecessary delay in the investigation or prosecution of the case.
- The proposed legislation expands the individuals authorized to be present to include an immediate family member. The presence of the immediate family member must not cause any unnecessary delay in the investigation or prosecution of the case.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact the procedure in criminal cases.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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